

# DelDOT Shows Support for National Recovery Month

The Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) is showing its support for [National Recovery Month](#) by lighting its toll facilities and the Indian River Inlet Bridge in purple during the month of September.

“The addiction epidemic has impacted every community in Delaware,” said Lt. Governor Hall-Long, Chair of Delaware’s Behavioral Health Consortium. “Fighting this disease is a team effort, and we are working tirelessly to raise awareness and connect people with critical resources when they need it most. I applaud DelDOT for lighting Delaware purple and doing their part to support and educate Delawareans during Addiction Awareness Month.”

“The epidemic of substance abuse and addiction continues to impact families across Delaware and we are proud to support local groups such as atTAcK addiction that are working to raise awareness about the disease of addiction,” said Secretary of Transportation Jennifer Cohan.

“atTAcK addiction continues to raise awareness and create open discussion throughout Delaware regarding the disease of substance abuse disorder,” said atTAcK addiction board member Doug Salter. “The work we do is bittersweet for, while we appreciate and welcome the partnerships and participation, it likely means another loved one has died or another family is battling the disease. We will continue to work tirelessly to “Erase the Stigma” surrounding addiction. Addiction does not discriminate. There is hope. If you or someone you love is suffering from the disease of addiction, please reach out. You are not alone.”

[A record number of people died](#) in Delaware from suspected

overdoses in August 2018 according to reports from the Delaware Division of Forensic Science. The monthly total of 39 deaths was the highest since the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) began tracking deaths from suspected overdoses in late 2013. The previous high monthly total was 27 deaths, which occurred in April 2018.

In New Castle County, the 24/7 Crisis Services Hotline number is 1-800-652-2929. In Kent and Sussex counties, the number is 1-800-345-6785. Individuals and families also can visit DHSS' website, [www.HelpIsHereDE.com](http://www.HelpIsHereDE.com), to find addiction treatment and recovery services in Delaware or nearby states.

To learn more about the work of aTAcK addiction, visit [www.attackaddiction.org](http://www.attackaddiction.org).